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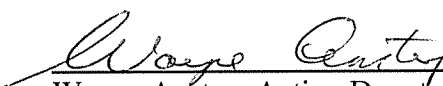
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Halifax Regional Council  
November 22, 2005

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 9, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Award of Consulting Services  
Public Gardens Restoration Phase II

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**ORIGIN**

The 2005-06 Capital Budget approved funding for the restoration of Horticultural Hall in the Public Gardens.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HRM** award consulting services for Public Gardens Phase II for services specified, to Vollick McKee Petersmann for a total price of \$103,429.00, including net HST, with funding from Capital Account No. CPG00492, as per Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

Consulting services for Phase I of the restoration work at the Public Gardens was awarded to the firm of Vollick McKee Petersmann as the successful proponents in RFP # 04-007 by Regional Council on February 24, 2004. The work of that Phase included restoration of the Hurricane Juan damage as well as the development of a management plan, restoration of the grounds, statuary, Giffen Pond, the surrounding fence, the entry plaza and the cast iron gates.

Work was planned and executed within the limits of available funding, all of which was public funding raised through a campaign sponsored by Maritime Broadcasting through the auspices of its owner Robert Pace. Subsequent fundraising efforts by the Public Gardens Foundation, chaired by Robert Pace as well as HRM funding approved in the 2005/06 Capital Budget has made it possible to proceed with Phase II of the restoration. This work will focus on the restoration of Horticultural Hall (Public Gardens canteen) as well as improvements to and expansion of public washroom facilities, upgrades to the Spring Garden Road streetscape and the entry gates adjacent to Horticultural Hall. Completion of this work will see a dramatic improvement to public access to the Public Gardens along Spring Garden Road

Due to the rigorous process involved in the initial selection of the consultants and the need to maintain consistency of design philosophy throughout the remainder of the project it was felt that the firm of Vollick McKee Petersmann should be retained to complete this work. This approach was recommended and endorsed by the Public Gardens Foundation, HRM funding partners and co-managers in this project.

## **DISCUSSION**

Vollick MacKee Petersmann have submitted the following fee proposal for the completion of Phase II of the work. Staff and the Public Gardens Foundation feel that this is a reasonable fee for the scope of work outlined.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Lump Sum Price (Before net HST)</b>	<b>Total Cost (incl. net HST)</b>
Vollick McKee Petersmann	\$100,000.00	\$103,429.00

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the submitted price of \$103,429.00, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CPG00492. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary**      **Capital Account No.CPG00492 Public Gardens Management Plan and Restoration**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$283,776.00
Less: <b>Phase II Consulting Services</b>	<u>\$ 103,429.00 *</u>
Balance	\$ 180,347.00

\*This total project is estimated at \$1,000,000. Remaining funds will be directed towards future phases of the upgrades to the Public Gardens including management plan, streetscape upgrades at Spring Garden Road entry and gate upgrades at Spring Garden Road entry. The current Unspent Budget does not reflect on going cost shared fund raising efforts being carried out by the Public Gardens Foundation and HRM involving Federal, Provincial and private funding sources.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

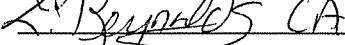
Council can choose to not award this contract. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

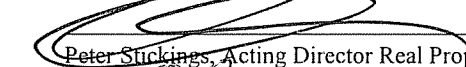
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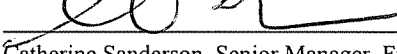
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